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SUBJECT: LOCAL MEDIA REACTION TO US-ASEAN CONFERENCE

1. SEPT. 11 PRESS COVERAGE WAS LIMITED TO WIRE
SERVICE RELEASES ON THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. ON
SEPT. 12 THE STRAITS TIMES FEATURED THE CONFERENCE
IN A LEAD EDITORIAL. FULL TEXT OF THE EDITORIAL IS
GIVEN BELOW.

2. "ACCORD WITH U.S.
THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN ASEAN AND THE UNITED
STATES ENDED ON A ENCOURAGING, UPBEAT NOTE. AS THE
LEADER OF THE ASEAN DELEGATION, PHILIPPINE FOREIGN
SECRETARY CARLOS ROMULO, EXPLAINED, THE THREE-DAY
MEETING WAS ESSENTIALLY A DIALOGUE, A DIALOGUE WHICH
LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR FUTURE DISCUSSIONS ON MORE
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SPECIFIC ECONOMIC POINTS, WHILE ADDING A NEW
DIMENSION TO THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE BLOC AND THE
US, AND THAT BEING THE CASE THERE WERE NO NEW
CONCRETE FORMULATIONS. NEVERTHELESS, CONSIDERING
THE EXPLORATORY NATURE OF THE TALKS, THE FINAL JOINT
STATEMENT WAS WORDED IN A POSITIVE MANNER, BOTH
SIDES DECLARING THAT THEY WOULD EXPAND THEIR

COOPERATION AND WORK TOGETHER TO LIBERALIZE WORLD
TRADE GENERALLY.

THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT AMERICAN ASSISTANCE
TO ASEAN SHOULD COMPLEMENT BILATERAL AID AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN THE US AND INDIVIDUAL ASEAN MEMBERS. THE
US POLICY IS TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING THE INTERNATIONAL
LENDING INSTITUTIONS LIKE THE WORLD BANK AND THE
ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, AND ITS AID IS REGARDED AS
COMPLEMENTARY TO THAT FROM THOSE INSTITUTIONS AND
THE PRIVATE CAPITAL MARKETS. PERHAPS THE MOST
POSITIVE RESULT OF THE MEETING FOR ASEAN IS THE
INVESTIMABLE VALUE OF THE US BEING SEEN TO HOLD THE
BLOC IN HIGH REGARD AND TO BE CONCERNED WITH ITS
LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS."
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